

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the Abstract at Page 54 of the specification as follows:

Methods of producing a ~~To provide a highly safe and hygienic method for~~
~~industrially and efficiently producing a perovskite-type composite oxide at low~~
~~temperatures in heat treatment, in which the resulting perovskite-type composite oxide~~
~~are provided that can maintain the catalytic activity of a noble metal at a high level.~~
Methods include preparing a precursor of the perovskite-type composite oxide by mixing
organometal salts of elementary components of the perovskite-type composite oxide and
heat treating the precursor. The precursor may be prepared by mixing over a long time,
~~in a method for producing a perovskite type composite oxide, a perovskite type~~
~~composite oxide is produced by mixing organometal salts of all elementary components~~
~~constituting the perovskite-type composite oxide to prepare a precursor of the perovskite-~~
~~type composite oxide, or by mixing one or more organometal salts of part of the~~
~~elementary components constituting the perovskite type composite oxide with the other~~
~~elementary components prepared as alkoxides of the respective elements, a coprecipitate~~
~~of salts, of the respective elements or a citrate complex of the respective elements to~~
~~prepare a precursor of the perovskite type composite oxide, and heat treating the~~
~~precursor of the perovskite type composite oxide.~~